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SUBJECT: LIBYAN CLAIM TO GULF OF SIRTE

REFERENCE: CARACAS 9013

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1. FOLLOWING WAS GUIDANCE PROVIDED US MISSION NATO ON
LIBYAN CLAIM:

ON LIBYAN CLAIM THAT GULF OF SIRTE IS INTERNAL WATERS;
YOU SHOULD STATE THAT THE US DOES NOT REPEAT NOT ACCEPT
THE LIBYAN CLAIM. IT IS THE US VIEW THAT THE LIBYAN
CLAIM VIOLATES INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ADVERSELY AFFECTS
NEGOTIATIONS FOR MULTILATERAL SETTLEMENT OF SUCH ISSUES
AT LOS CONFERENCE. WE WILL BE FORMALLY PROTESTING LARG
ACTION. WE WOULD WELCOME SIMILAR PROTEST TO LIBYANS
BY OTHER COUNTRIES. FYI: THE US IS NOT PREPARED TO
LEAD ATTEMPT TO REACH AGREED NATO POSITION ON THIS
MATTER WHICH HAS PRECEDENT AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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EXTENDING BEYOND NATO AREA OF CONCERN. EVEN IF

AGREED POSITION COULD BE REACHED, WE DOUBT THAT
CONCERTED NATO RESPONSE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. ACCORD-
INGLY, WE PLAN MAKE OUR VIEWS KNOWN TO LARG AT TIME
AND IN CIRCUMSTANCES BEST CALCULATED SERVE OUR PURPOSES.

END FYI: DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON VIEWS OF
OTHER NATO COUNTRIES ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LOCAL REACTION. KISSINGER

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